

Observing Sports

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have leaped and cheered had they been present to hear Lloyd's remarks.

It's no simple chore to drive home to youngsters — and even some of their parents — the importance of going all-out to make the most of one's time spent in school.

Boys and girls at 16 or 17 often lack the foresight to be able to see why they should stick in school. They find it easier to slip away from their schoolwork.

It's not until they get into a jam, or become ten years older, that they realize what a mistake they made when they were in their teens.

Maybe our school masters should adopt a new rule — instead of permitting students to drop out of school at age 16, they should lift the dropout age to 18. This would keep many a student where he belongs — in school.

Getting back to Sport Lloyd of the Pistons, he talked about some of the new hopes of the Pistons — players like Michigan's Bill Buntin, Indiana's Tom Van Arsdale, Notre Dame's Ron Reed and ex-Dayton star Bill Chmielowski who'll be reporting for drills in September.

The quartet were introduced today at a luncheon hosted by the Pistons in downtown Detroit for press radio and newspaper representatives, including the Observer's Tommy Thompson.

Both Buntin and Van Arsdale will do a little traveling before they join the Pistons. Buntin will go to Europe with fellow members of last year's U. of Michigan team. Van Arsdale also is going to Europe with a group of top collegiate stars of the past season.

These trips are sponsored by the U.S. State Department as one way of showing our friends in other lands how the Americans perform in sports.

The Michigan and U.S. teams will meet hometown teams in each country. At the moment, the Americans have the edge over most countries in basketball.

But the word is that the time fast is approaching when the U.S. teams will have their problems trying to master Europeans and others on the hardwoods — in the game which was founded here in the states.

REMAINS IN THICK OF LEGION RACE:

Farmington Wins, Loses on Protests

It was an afternoon of protests as Farmington's American Legion baseball team wound up in a standoff against Southfield in a doubleheader last Sunday. Farmington dropped the opener, 1-0 with Manager Wally Christensen indicating that he would lodge a protest over the way the game's lone run was scored.

In the nightcap, Farmington was awarded a victory on a forfeit because the Southfield manager refused to leave the premises after being ejected by the umpires in the fourth inning with the score 4-0 in Farmington's favor. Christensen claims that the umpires admitted after the first

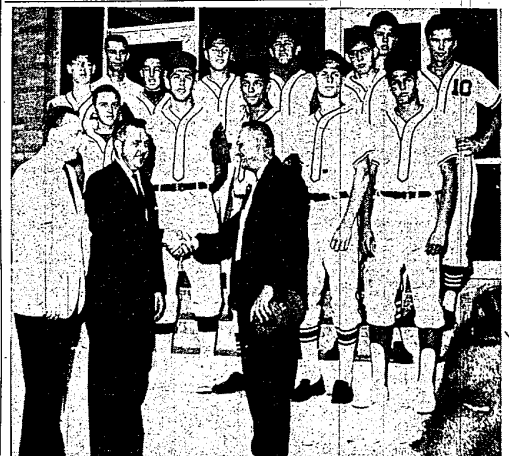
game that they "had missed the call" which led to Southfield's run. Here's what happened: Jeff Poljola, the Southfield pitcher, started the sixth inning with a single off Steve Page of Farmington. Two walks and one out later, Farmington had the bases loaded. Then came a pop foul to

Bill Bowles, the Farmington first baseman. He made the catch and pegged to third in an attempt to double Poljola. The throw was wide, but Miles Kearney, Farmington's shortstop, retrieved the ball and fired to Mike Perry, in time to double the runner who originally was on second base.

In the meantime, Poljola had streaked home and the run was allowed, although the umpires couldn't agree. One said the run should count, the other said "no." Finally, the run was allowed.

Finally the catcher stepped in front of the plate and interfered with our batter. Christensen realized he could only batter on such calls. They all involved umpire's judgment and there can be no protesting these verdicts.

The weekend's action left Farmington with a 12-3 record and in a hot battle with Waterford and Southfield for the 18th district title. Farmington will play at Troy this Wednesday and then host Waterford Friday. The latter game could decide the divisional flag and decide which team qualifies for the state tournament.



TO THE CHAMPS: Mayor Edwin Freech of the City Hall. The team copied the regular Garden City honors Garden City's Connie Mack season title, beating out teams from Ann Arbor, League baseball champs in special ceremonies Wayne and Ypsilanti.

Garden City Knocked Out In Title Play

Champs in the regular season . . . quick knockout victims in the playoffs.

So it went this season for McK's Partville, Garden City's Connie Mack baseball team. During the regular season, the way to all its opponents. This established Garden City as the favorites for the playoffs to determine the league's representative in the district meet coming up at Monroe.

But there'll be no district baseball for Garden City. In fact, the campaign now is over, with July only halfway completed.

Ann Arbor Everett squeaked the Garden City hopes by downing the Partville team, 4-2, on Saturday and then 12-0, on Sunday in the best-of-three eliminations.

The end of the campaign also marked the end of Chet Buzcek's 10-year reign as a manager of Little League and Connie Mack teams in Garden City.

"I'll keep my hand in kids' baseball," an unhappy Buzcek declared after Sunday's defeat. "But I won't have the time to play on as a manager."

One thing Buzcek hopes to accomplish is to switch Garden City into Livonia's Class D Connie Mack and Free Press Leagues.

"It makes more sense to play the teams now in the Livonia League," said Buzcek. "The clubs from Livonia, Redford Township, Plymouth, Nankin and Dearborn Heights are so much closer to us."

In its present league, Garden City has had to invade Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti.

Garden City's Partville was short on pitching going into the playoffs.

Paul Kightlinger, the team's ace, was in Puerto Rico while Mike Wilson was on the side

Dodgers Still On Top of Little League

The Braves won a 5-1 meet over the Redlegs in a June 28 game in the North Redford Township national Little League.

In companion games, the Dodgers beat the Pirates, 3-1, and the Cubs were outplayed by the Giants, and Giants tied with a 5-5 score.

On July 8, a 1-0 victory was registered by the Pirates over the Cubs, and the Giants defeated the Braves, 4-1. The Dodgers outdistanced the Redlegs, 15-4. Gordon Perry and Mark Miron both hit home runs to help the Dodgers to victory.

In Minor A league play, the Pirates whipped the Cubs, 13-7, the Pirates and Dodgers tied at 2-2, and the Braves beat the Redlegs, 8-1, in games played July 29. On July 6, the Cubs defeated the Pirates, 4-2, the Braves beat the Giants, 3-2, and the Redlegs beat the Dodgers, 6-2. Scores on July 8: Dodgers 10, Cubs 5; Giants 21, Redlegs 9; Braves 14, Pirates 9.

In the Minor B league, the Giants trounced the Cubs, 13-4 and the Redlegs were defeated by the Dodgers, 10-9, in June 30 league play. On July 7, the Cubs and Dodgers tied at 4-4 and the Redlegs beat the Giants, 8-3.

Partville outfit the winners, 8-2.

There was no threat by Garden City against Ann Arbor on Sunday. The losers were held to five hits—singles by Dana Ewies, Carter, Stan Wickowski and Ken Simpson and a double by Cass Simpson.

Ann Arbor never notched more than two runs in any inning, and most of the failures resulted from either physical or mental errors on the part of Garden City players.

The shutout was the first suffered by a Garden City team in Connie Mack play in four years.

At least five of the Garden City players now are headed for college. Ewies is going to Vanderhill, Vasquez to Indiana, Wickowski to Eastern Michigan, and Carter and Cass Simpson to schools still unselected.

Manager Buzcek called the season a good one "in most respects."

DRC Scores

(Continued from 1st Sports Page) South Redford erupted for six runs in the seventh inning to pull the game out of the fire. Walks to Sprout, Marty Ingelstam and Bob Holbert loaded the bases. Then Fisher and Rick Collins singled.

Lou Banwert drew a walk. Reg Barringer singled and Sprout walked to finish up the scoring. Earlier a triple by Banwert and double by Barringer had driven in runs for South Redford.

Five runs in the sixth inning with Dave Woloch's homer with two on the big blow highlighted the South Redford win over Nankin.

Nankin was decimated by Dearborn Heights, 5-3, as Tim O'Leary and Paul Smith accounted two of the losers' runs.

Six-hit pitching by Ron Boyne brought the Plymouth Optimists an 8-2 verdict over the Wayne Ford City Center team. It was Boyne's second win since joining the Optimists.

The Optimists counted four times in the ninth inning on a single by Nunez, a walk to Mike Lockwood, a single by John Adams and a double by Bids.

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